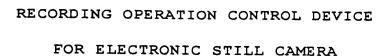
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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording operation control device comprises a recording operation stop switch on a rear surface of a camera body of an electronic still camera. By fully depressing a shutter button, a CCD housed in the camera body is exposed so that image data is obtained and recorded in a PC card. If the recording operation stop switch is depressed before the recording operation of the image data is completed, the recording operation is stopped. Instead of depression of the recording operation stop switch, the shutter button may be depressed twice during a constant period of time so that the recording operation is stopped. Both the recording operation stop switch and the shutter button may be depressed to stop the recording operation.

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